



Application No.:

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1. ~~A fastener comprising:~~

head means comprising a generally planar engagement surface and drive means for receiving an applied torque;

a shank axially extending from said head means at a proximal end to a distal end terminating at a tip, said shank comprising a proximal portion defining a first diameter adjacent said shank proximal end and a distal portion having a second diameter less than said first diameter adjacent said shank distal end, a first thread extending helically along a portion of said proximal portion and a second thread extending helically along a portion of said distal portion, said shank distal end defining material transfer means within said second diameter extending from a location adjacent said tip to a location adjacent said second thread;

a coating comprising a resin or an adhesive in micro-encapsulated form disposed over at least one of the group consisting of said shank distal portion, said shank proximal portion, said first thread and said second thread; and

self-drilling means adjacent said shank tip for drilling into a support structure.